

**City of Tempe
Parks and Recreation
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**ADULT SOFTBALL
ORGANIZATIONAL PACKET
SUMMER 2004**



**New Registration Procedures!
Organizational Meeting – March 16
Registration Day – Monday, March 29
Summer Leagues Start: May 3**

**TEMPE PARKS AND RECREATION
SPRING 2004 SLO-PITCH SOFTBALL PROGRAM
MEN'S, WOMEN'S & CO-REC
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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

Tuesday, March 16 at the Pyle Adult Recreation Center, 655 E. Southern Avenue, Tempe. Men's and Women's teams – 7:30p.m. Co-Rec teams – 8:15p.m.

All teams expecting to play in the summer adult softball program who did not attend the July or January meetings must attend the March 16 meeting.

ENTRY FEE:

Men's - \$440

Women's - \$440

Co-Rec - \$275

Personal checks will not be accepted. Company check, cashier's check or money order made payable to the **City of Tempe** will be accepted. VISA, MASTERCARD, DISCOVER AND AMERICAN EXPRESS are also accepted. The entry fee pays for umpires, a site supervisor, softballs, awards, and lights.

LEAGUE SCHEDULE:

The season will start Monday, May 3, 2004. Each league will play seven weeks with an additional post-season single elimination tournament. Men's and Women's leagues will play two games per night. Co-Rec leagues will play one game per evening. **Schedules will be mailed and posted on the web page the week of April 19, 2004.**

TEAM ROSTER:

The key to successful roster preparation is to include, on your *initial* roster, those players that will make up the core majority of your team. Please carefully review the following information.

All players must be at least 18 years of age prior to participating. Team rosters may contain not less than **twelve (12)(no exceptions) or more than twenty (20) players**. The fully completed and current roster(names, addresses and phone numbers) must be submitted at the time of registration.

Roster revisions will be limited to changes/additions resulting in no more than four (4) new players added to the roster over the course of the entire season.

Players may be added/deleted from the original roster through the fourth week of the season. Roster changes must be completed on the appropriate drop/add form before the player participates in a game. Roster drop/add must be done at the field.

Players may participate on only one (1) City of Tempe slo-pitch team per night. Players may play adult baseball and co-rec softball on Sunday's. Any player found on more than the legal number on teams will be considered ineligible. Team managers and field supervisors may challenge the eligibility of any player. Player eligibility challenges are considered protest situations; refer to league rules & regulations.

Parks and Recreation staff will conduct periodic roster checks. For roster checks, at the fields, players will be requested to provide identification, which reflects information provided on the team's roster. If a player cannot produce identification, they will be considered ineligible.

Falsifying a roster, playing with ineligible players or compromising the registration process will be considered unsportsmanlike conduct and may result in forfeiture of games, loss of tournament participation and/or loss of softball program privileges. Team managers are responsible for the authenticity of player addresses. ***Work addresses are not acceptable.***

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

Registration will be accepted on the dates listed below. The location is Tempe Parks and Recreation at 3500 S. Rural Rd. (second floor – Tempe Library). **Faxed registrations will not be accepted.**
REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED ON FRIDAYS.

Please make copies of the team roster before coming to register. Request for copies will not be honored during the registration process. NO EXCEPTIONS.

REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY A COMPLETELY FILLED OUT ROSTER FORM AND PAYMENT.

Parks and Recreation Staff will review registration material during the registration process. Those teams with incomplete or unsatisfactory registration material will not be allowed to register until required information is provided.

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| March 29 | Teams with Tempe/Guadalupe business sponsor (must have completely filled out the Tempe Sponsorship Application) – See attached form and attended the Fall 2003, Spring 2004 or Summer 2004 organizational meetings. |
| March 30 | Teams that are returning from the previous season and attended the Fall 2003, Spring 2004 or Summer 2004 organizational meetings. |
| March 31 | Wednesday- Cesar Chavez Holiday – Office Closed |
| April 1 | Teams with rosters comprised of 50% or more Tempe/Guadalupe residents and who attended the Fall 2003, Spring 2004 or Summer 2004 organizational meetings. |
| April 5 | All other teams that attended the Fall 2003, Spring 2004 or Summer 2004 organizational meetings. |
| April 6 | All other teams until the leagues are filled. Did not attend the organizational meeting for Fall 2003, Spring 2004 or Summer 2004. |

LEAGUE STRUCTURE

NUMBER OF TEAMS:

Men's Softball – Monday & Thursday	48 teams	6 leagues of 8 teams
Men's Softball – Tuesday & Wednesday	64 teams	8 leagues of 8 teams
Women's Softball - Thursday	8 teams	1 leagues of 8 teams
Co-Rec Softball – Friday	48 teams	6 leagues of 8 teams
Co-Rec Softball – Sunday	64 teams	8 leagues of 8 teams

LEVELS OF PLAY:

- B Leagues:** Teams with experience playing together as well as individual experience. Very good defensive and offensive skills with some home run power required for play in a highly competitive situation.
- C Leagues:** Teams with above average skill levels with players exhibiting good defensive and offensive skills. League play will be at a good competitive level.
- D Leagues:** Teams that have average skill levels and desire to play at a recreational level of competition. Players are required to have knowledge of softball rules. D leagues may end up as upper D+, D or lower D-.
- E Leagues:** Attitude will play an important role at this level. Teams must be looking for a pure recreational softball experience. Teams in these leagues can be: older players with the desire to continue playing, teams with proven losing records at the D level or new teams with below average skill levels. Each team wishing to play at the E level must convince the recreation staff that their assignment to an E league is in the best interest of everyone. Teams exhibiting greater skill levels or competitive zeal will be reclassified the next season.

FIELD ASSIGNMENTS:

Leagues are assigned to fields according to the level of play. Teams should be ready to play at any Tempe softball facility.

NUMBER OF GAMES:

Men's and Women's Leagues – 14 games plus tournament
Co-Rec Leagues – 7 games plus tournament

LEAGUE CHAMPS:

The season's record will determine the champion for each league. All teams will be involved in the post-season tournaments.

TIED STANDINGS/TOURNAMENTS SEEDING:

Tournaments will be seeded after the 6th week of play.

For teams tied for at season's end the following tiebreakers will be used.

Tie breaker #1 - Head to head competition

Tie breaker # 2 - Runs allowed in head to head competition (doubleheader leagues)

Tie breaker #3 – Total runs allowed during the season

Tie breaker #4 - Multiple teams tied, with uneven head to head play, will use tie breaker #3

AWARDS:

Tournament winners will receive a trophy.

Champions in each league will receive 15 famous Tempe softball t-shirts.

GENERAL INFORMATION

INSURANCE:

The City of Tempe does not provide individual accident insurance for its participants.

Each player is responsible for his/her own medical insurance coverage. Tempe Parks and Recreation urges all coaches and players that incur an accident/injury situation to report the incident to the game umpire or field supervisor immediately so that appropriate measures may be taken.

LOST OR STOLEN ITEMS:

Tempe Parks and Recreation is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Check with the field supervisor ASAP after the loss. **Never leave or hide valuables in your vehicle.**

WEB SITE: (www.tempe.gov/pkrec/sportspage)

Please refer to the web site for the most current information on Tempe Parks and Recreation's adult sports program. Find regular postings of league and tournament schedules, as well as weekly standings and up to the minute news.